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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-SB08 is a list of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits (first scenario). If that is not the case, such as in a second scenario in which a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed before the filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement, then either a certification or fee is required, and a certification is provided below. If neither of the first or second scenarios is the case, such as if a final Office Action or a notice of allowance has been mailed by the PTO (third scenario), then both a certification and fee are required, and in that case a certification is provided below and also the PTO is authorized to obtain the necessary fee to have the instant IDS considered, from Foley & Lardner Deposit Account #19-0741.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that items of information A2 - A5 listed on the Form PTO SB/08 submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement. Item of information A1 is a U.S. patent that is a counterpart to item of information A3 (which is a laid-open Japanese patent application).

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued April 21, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

- "1. Japanese Patent Application 2000-599179 (Published Japanese Translation of a PCT Application 2002-541686)

Remarks

Refer specifically to Claims 1 through 6 of the aforementioned Cited Example 1.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-243023 (Refer to paragraphs 18 through 20, and Figs. 1, 3, and 4.)
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-032087 (Refer to Claims 1 and 2, and Figs. 1 and 3.)
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-130391 (Claim 1, paragraphs 38 and 41, and Fig. 11)

Remarks

There is no unique difference when comparing the invention of the present application with the inventions described in each of the aforementioned Cited Examples 2 through 4."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action is based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, which is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form-SB08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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